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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
INFORMATION CENTER, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ALECIA VAN ATTA, et al.,

Defendants.

) Case No. 3:22-cv-03520-TLT

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) **DECLARATION OF NICK JOSLIN**
) **IN SUPPORT OF MOTION OF**
) **PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR**
) **ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS, AND**
) **OTHER EXPENSES**

1 I, Nick Joslin, hereby declare:

2 1. I am President of Friends of the Shasta River ("Friends") based in Yreka, California.
3 Friends is a registered tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
4 Code. Friends has no paid staff members.

5 2. Friends diligently sought legal representation to undertake this case, and was unable to
6 find a qualified attorney who would agree to represent Friends at the base rate under the Equal
7 Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"). In my experience, it is often very difficult to find qualified
8 attorneys willing to litigate against federal agencies, in part because of the uncertainty of any
9 success, and because of the considerable resources of the U.S. Department of Justice. In fact,
10 Friends continues to need and seek representation in other legal matters related to the Shasta
11 River, but qualified and experienced attorneys demand rates far higher than the base rate under
12 EAJA, and we are unable to meet our needs.

13 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. 28 U.S.C. §
14 1746(2).

15 Executed on April 11, 2025. /s/ Nick Joslin
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